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The FREE Community Newsletter for Blackbird Leys

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Help us to keep you more informed by using LEYS NEWS as a means of communicating news, information and more to all residents of Blackbird Leys.

Leys News is produced 4 times a year at the moment although there are plans to increase this to 6 times a year. Leys News is delivered FREE to all homes in Blackbird Leys. If you don't receive it please tell us and we'll get you a copy.

We welcome your contributions whether they are letters, photographs, cartoons or even ideas about what you think we should be covering.

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We are still collecting names of people wanted to deliver Leys News every three months and maybe more often for leaflet distribution. We pay a reasonable rate, which works out at £4 per hour. Contact Al Cane on 0410 588349 to get on the list.

Contributions

...are welcome in letter form, if it's handwriting please make sure it's legible, floppy disks are fine, but please make sure they are text only or you could e-mail it to the address above.

We reserve the right to edit contributions and letters received. We cannot guarantee to publish all letters submitted. Leys News Ltd cannot accept responsibility for services supplied by our advertisers.

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for the next issue of Leys News is

Friday 12th November

It will be delivered in early December.

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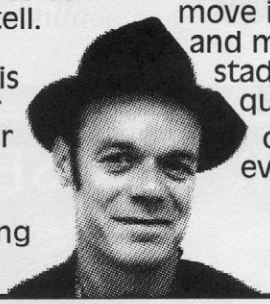
EditoriAL

Al Cane
Leys News development worker.

In this autumn issue it's not hard to spot that we're pushing the upcoming Leys Fair, **an event that is designed to bring people and the community together. From stomping rockabilly to community displays, from the funfair to the jobfair. Something for everyone. A showcase of what's around and who's around. We wish it all the success and the good weather it needs.**

We're pleased to see the beginnings of the **Social History** project - look out for more over the next year or so. Feel free to respond to us if you have a story to tell. What might seem ordinary to yourself is often fascinating for someone else to hear or to read.

It is good to see **contributions** coming in, letters, quizzes, drawings and photographs - if you've got something to say to Blackbird Leys we'd like to hear it. This is a community newsletter for the whole of Blackbird Leys and we want it to reflect that.



Training opportunities abound inside our **Leys Training** supplement. Congratulations to **Pedlars** on opening the community cafe at the Barn which is now open weekdays from 9.30 - 1.30.

Thanks to all the people who've helped put this issue together - we hope you find it useful and entertaining. Nothing stays the same in this world or even in Blackbird Leys. People arrive, move in, while others leave and move on. Football stadiums get built, some quicker than others. But in the end everything changes.....

Nominate your Neighbours from Heaven

This newsletter has brought in another illustration of what good neighbours people have, here in Blackbird Leys. There are other examples out there just waiting to be shared. Write to Leys News.

Tell others of your Neighbours from Heaven. Over the next year we at Leys news will spread the good news of help and friendship given so freely. A prize will be announced in the Christmas 2000 issue to the person(s) considered by the editorial board to be the leader in the Neighbours from Heaven league.

If you would like to receive a translation of the attached, please contact your Housing Officer.

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If you can help with translation, please call Al Cane on 0410 588 349.

Leys News delivery brings on delivery

Congratulations to Sarah Jennings who gave birth to Philip Mark Jennings, born in the JR on 11th July just hours after delivering Leys News to houses in Brake Hill.

Road names

What have Bobby Fryer Close, Jack Argent Close, Norman Smith Road, Jane Seaman Court, Gillians Park and Olive Whistler Court have in common?

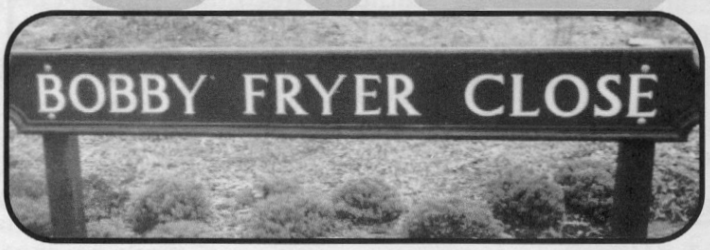
They are all either streets or places in Blackbird Leys named after people who contributed to the life of the community in many different ways. In future editions of Leys News we will be featuring them in turn and giving a fuller profile of all these worthy people.

Blackbird Bonanza is expanding

From 1st October the Blackbird Bonanza will be offering a second and third prize weekly. For the time being the first prize will remain at £600, the second prize will go up to a maximum of £200 and the third prize up to £100. When these have been reached the weekly first prize will rise to £700 - making a total of £1000 a week. Phone 453934 for membership details. See elsewhere in this issue for a list of recent winning numbers and amounts.

More deliveries for our deliverers

Congratulations to Nicqui Rowlands - active in the Leys Residents Association and running the Barn Youth Club - seen here with her daughter Zeisha who was born on 2nd September .



Parish Council Meeting

Blackbird Leys Parish Council's next meeting is on Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Cuddesdon Way to decide on grants and ideas to mark the millennium.

Abseilers do it for charity

Back in July 80 people abseiled down Windrush Tower and raised an impressive £2000 for the Anthony Nolan Bonemarrow Trust. Fine weather and a large crowd turned out to watch everyone successfully complete their downward journey. With any luck this will become an annual event. Congratulations to all involved.

Window Cleaner urgently wanted.

Contact Molly Florey on Oxford 712620.

The Farmstead

OPENING TIMES FOR HOUSING ASSOCIATION TENANTS

The Farmhouse is open from 9am to1pm and from 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday. Ealing Family Housing Association staff will not be available after 12 noon on the first Wednesday of each month. Oxford Citizens Housing Association staff will not be available until 2pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

If you would like to see your Housing Officer PLEASE make an appointment wherever possible by phoning:

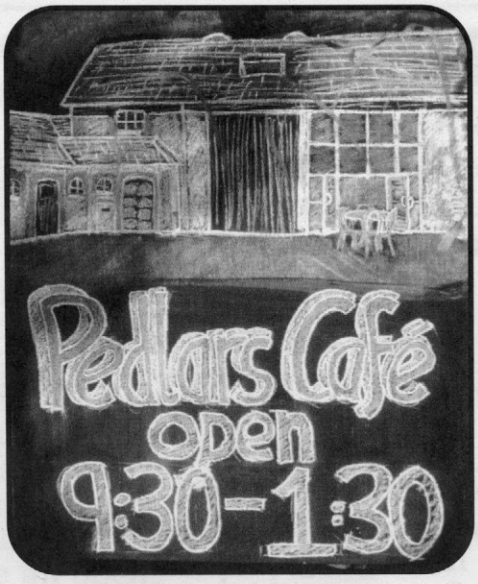
OCHA: 714509,

EFHA: 712244,

CHERWELL: 722711 or 717210 on Wednesdays 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Painting the Pool

Blackbird Leys Community Arts Group have been painting a mural in Blackbird Leys Pool in September. Local artists Sharon Carr, Clare Goodall and Celia Ward have been involved. Pool manager Paul Bedford said "It really improves the atmosphere of the pool." The group will also be working at the Dovecote After School Club soon. Further information from Celia Ward on 776640.



Our cafe

Pedlars Cafe at the Barn is now open during the day and offers a fantastic opportunity to meet people or relax when the children are at school.

Pedlars Community Cafe at the Barn, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys is open on weekdays from 9.30 am until 1.30 p.m. A wide range of sandwiches, drinks and cakes are on offer as well as specialities of the day. All the food is prepared to order, using only fresh ingredients.

Pedlars Ltd has been delivering sandwiches throughout the city for over 11 years and has been based at The Barn for 18 months. As event caterers, Pedlars offers a wide range of menus from simple finger buffets to large-scale parties. For further information, please telephone 01865 712408.

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Annual General Meeting

of the

Blackbird Leys

Credit Union

at Holy Family Church Centre

Cuddesdon Way Tues Oct 5th 7-30pm

Everyone welcome

Save and borrow for a brighter tomorrow. Save for 13 weeks then you can borrow twice what you have saved.

Join now

For further information call Jim Hewitt on 773098

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Good news for Blackbird Leys

The Government recently announced the award of Single regeneration money for Blackbird Leys (SRB5). This will mean money will be made available for community projects, buildings, organisations and jobs. More details will be announced at the Leys Fair. Watch this space in future issues.....

FROM THERE TO HERE

In the last issue of Leys News we announced the beginning of a social history project to find out more about people's experiences and stories and maybe to uncover interesting photographs.

Since then a couple of people have emerged who have talked to us - read on. Amongst them are Margaret Fryer, someone who is very well known in Blackbird Leys. A teacher at Pegasus First School for many years who retired last year, she was the wife of Bobby Fryer, who died in 1993. He was chief shop steward at Rover for over 20 years, who has a Close named after him opposite the current works where the Cowley Training Centre is. Margaret is still involved in Blackbird Leys as a governor of Windale School and she is also involved in the Agewell Project at Ruskin College.

We've also been listening to Mrs Surman who now lives in Northbrook House.

She was the lollipop lady outside Orchard Meadow School for 16 years and also fostered many children over a long period.

She recalls seeing the Minchery Farm ghost from her back garden in Kestrel Crescent in the early seventies. According to the legend the ghost is a nun who was killed in a fire in a tunnel between the nunnery and the monastery which were on the new stadium site. Has anyone else seen the ghost or do you have other stories to tell about this fascinating link to the past?

She also remembers battles between rival milkmen from Job's and Wigmore's Dairies for customers in the tower blocks and Mick Haynes's mobile bus shop which was the first shop on the Leys.

Does anyone have any photographs? We'll be gathering your tales, stories and photographs together over the next year and putting them towards an exhibition which we hope will be displayed in the Clockhouse in 2001, and possibly published in book form too, but would also like to drop interesting snippets into future issues of Leys News.

Unfinished Business

by Alan Llewellyn Hicks

This short book is a very readable and enjoyable story of a young man's experiences as a soldier and a prisoner of war in Germany in World War 2 and later on as a committed trade unionist who spent 20 years as a T&G shop steward at Pressed Steel at Cowley. He was also a founder member and first secretary of the Oxford Industrial Branch of the WEA. A moving account with much relevance to today. Available from Alan Hicks at 38 Norreys Avenue Oxford OX1 4SS. Price £3.60 (incl p&p.)

NEWS FROM THE ADVICE CENTRE

A recent report suggested that Blackbird Leys needs three times as many advice workers as there are at the Advice Centre at present.

This can result in delays and people having to go out of the estate to get advice. Unfortunately, there is no room in the advice centre for more advice sessions than are already taking place.

To deal with this problem, the new post of Outreach Worker has been created. Funded by Oxford City Council, Ealing Family Housing Association, Oxford Citizens Housing Association and Cherwell Housing Trust, the purpose of this post is to give advice at new venues around the estate.

Jacob Sanders

My job will be to persuade various groups to let me use their buildings for regular advice sessions once a week or once a fortnight. I will be available to give advice on benefits, housing, debt, consumer problems and anything else you can think of. If I don't know the answer to your problem, I will probably know someone who does.

Since there is no advice centre on the new part of the estate, I will be particularly looking for offices there for outreach advice sessions. People will be able to get advice closer to home and in places they are used to going to already.

Details of the new advice sessions will be included in future issues of Leys News. Watch this space...

Jacob Sanders, Outreach Worker

and congratulations from all at the Advice Centre to Pat and Jim on their recent engagement.

Advice Centre AGM
Wed 6th October 6pm

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LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE NEW PARK AT

FRY'S HILL

The City Council is in the final stages of preparing plans for Fry's Hill Park. Current designs have been drawn up following consultation with Blackbird Leys residents. In outline they include a big play area for small children, an area for teenagers, a sitting area and sculpture park, and a junior football pitch. The plans are on display in The Farmhouse and there will be an open meeting on

Monday 4th OCTOBER

8.00pm - 9.30pm

in the BARN

Come along and have your say. Any comments are welcome to David Steel (252538).

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Welcome to Potters Court

POTTERS COURT, ROBIN PLACE, FRYS HILL, OXFORD

Potters Court is a housing scheme for people over 55 years. The new development consists of 36 one bedroom flats, suitable for up to 2 people. The flats are located on the ground, first and second floors, with a lift to the first and second floors.

Features include:

- Your own entrance off a carpeted corridor
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- Gas central heating
- Carpet in the living room, hall and bedroom
- Vinyl flooring in the kitchen & bathroom
- All flats are connected to the community alarm system
- Video door entry system to each flat
- A sheltered scheme officer manages Potters Court and maintains daily contact with residents from Monday to Friday. This helps older people to live independently.

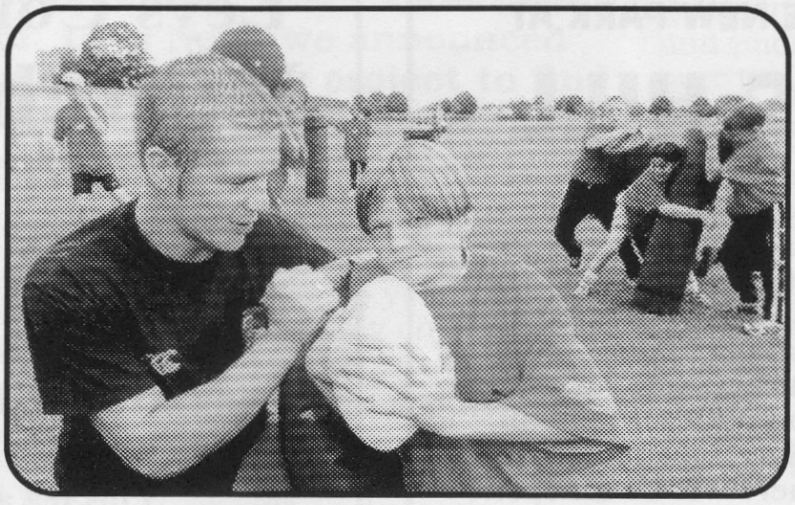
Additional facilities:

Laundry room, comfortable communal lounge, communal activities, assisted bathroom, guest suite for residents' visitors, communal gardens.

If you are 55 or older and would like to know more about Potters Court please contact the Farmhouse on **712244** or write to us at **The Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys, Oxford OX4 5BU.**

Blackbird Leys Junior Rugby League Club

A brand new Rugby League club has begun to establish itself in the area. Local parents, teachers from Wesley Green Middle School, City Council employees have been working alongside Caro Wild, the City's new Development Officer to get the club up and running.



The children were keen to take up this action packed sport after being so successful playing for Wesley Green in local matches and the King Charles Cup hosted by the Oxford Cavaliers, which they won.

The club's aim is to eventually "Provide the opportunity for all youngsters, boys and girls, in the Blackbird Leys area with the opportunity to play and learn Rugby League in their own community".

Initially the club is running teams at under 11 and 13 age groups but is looking to expand these. Training is on Tuesdays after school time at the Leisure Centre.

Anyone, adults or players wishing to become involved in the club should contact Caro Wild on 01865 252287 or mobile 07801 194591 anytime.

The photo above is of local player Jason Wines with London Broncos Professional Darrel Griffin (originally from Witney) during this summer's Player Development Camp held at the Leisure Centre.

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Windale Avenue
& a hidden amphibian

Schoolgirl's poetry goes places

Congratulations to Kaylie Boyles (11) a pupil at Wesley Green School who has reached the regional finals of the ASDA Poetry Competition and will be going forward to the next stage. She wrote a poem about the way she looks up to her 4 sisters.

After School Club

Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground has reopened its after school club after the summer. It's open every weekday afternoon from 3 to 5.15 offering a wide range of activities for just 50p a session. The photography project has come to an end except that there will be an exhibition of photographs produced in the sessions on show at Templars Square

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Summer Youth Project '99

From 2nd to 20th August the Blackbird Leys Community Development Initiative provided a range of activities free of charge for young people from 9 to 13 years. Over 150 young people took part over the three weeks.

In celebration of the project a BBQ and presentations from the various projects, took place on the last Friday. It also provided an opportunity for parents and other local people to come along and share in the young people's achievements.

The arts project, Art Beet, which over twenty-one children took part in, included a visit to the Ashmolean Museum for inspiration and ideas. The children produced some wonderful work and the Ashmolean Museum has agreed to exhibit some of this work now that the project has ended. Teddy Miller, a local artist, ran this group and exhibited his own work at the youth centre throughout the project.

The Gelede Dance Company provided an introduction to dance during the first week with over thirty young people attending, and the Spotlight Theatre Group offered an opportunity to try out some acting skills during the second and third week.

The Art Beet group visit the Ashmolean

Yet another successful music project took place during the third week along with a fashion show and other activities. The Orchestra of St John also provided a series of workshops which ended with a presentation held at Windale First School.

Other activities that took place throughout the three weeks included a video project, a photography project, basic training in football skills, glass painting, papier mache,mask making and model making.

The football skills project was very popular with over twenty-six children taking part. A trophy was awarded to the winning team 'The Bullies' in a five-a-side knockout competition, held in the last week of the project.

Six recent cinema screenings were shown throughout the three weeks and included favourites such as A Bug's Life, Antz, Rugrats and Small Soldiers. All were free.

The workers involved in this project were all impressed by the talent and ability the children showed whilst taking part in the activities and each child received at least one certificate of achievement for the work they did. The children were asked to complete a questionnaireto tell the CDI what activities and projects they would like to be on offer in the future. They were also asked what they liked and disliked about living on Blackbird Leys. The results of this survey will be provided in a report due to be published by the CDI soon.

October is Black History Month

October is Black History Month - a whole range of activities are planned, many of them in Blackbird Leys.

Highlights include a launch at Templars Square on Saturday October 2nd with music and poetry , a celebration of Black Women at the Youth Centre, a Black History Talk at the Leisure Centre, Teddy Dan at the Blackbird, a celebration of Black Music at the Youth Centre and two chances to take part in a Black History Quiz. (see forthcoming events on back page for dates.) Look out for the leaflet produced by Oxford City Council detailing all the activities.

Meanwhile test your knowledge with the:

Leys News Black History Quiz

1. **What is the traditional dish of Jamaica?**
2. **Who wrote the Three Musketeers?**
3. **Who wrote the book the Colour Purple?**
4. **Who is known as the Moses of her people for her heroic trips south to free hundreds of slaves?**
5. **Which African nation was to first to achieve freedom from imperial rule?**
6. **What is Kwaanza and when is it celebrated?**
7. **When and where was Dr Martin Luther King born?**

answers :
1. ackee and saltfish 2. Alexandre Dumas 3. Alice Walker 4. Harriet Tubman 5. Ghana 6. Kwaanza is an annual 7 day celebration to restore and reaffirm African heritage and culture. It is held every December 26 - January 1. 7. January 15th in Atlanta Georgia. Quiz devised by Pat Green.

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Racism in
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College of Further Education Blackbird Leys Campus

Call 316698 for further information

PILGRIMAGE AGAINST POVERTY

The pilgrimage against Poverty left the island of Iona on August 15th, receiving national media coverage. The walkers reach Oxford on Saturday 9th October, and will be met by local supporters at Wolvercote Village Hall.

Their destination is 10 Downing Street, where they will present an 'Agenda for Change' to the Prime Minister - ideas suggested by local people throughout the UK for combating poverty and disadvantage in this country.

On Sunday 10th October there will be a celebration here in Blackbird Leys, and anyone and everyone is invited to join in (see programme).

The onward walk to London sets off from Cuddesdon Way on the morning of October 11th, towards Wallingford. All along the route individuals are joining the Pilgrimage for short stretches. So, if anyone fancies joining in even for half a day, either side of Oxford, you'd be very welcome. It helps raise awareness and protest against the fact that so many people in the UK are unable to enjoy the benefits of our "affluent society".

The Programme for 10th October

Continuously from 2 p.m. ... Stalls in 'Community Hall', Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre

2 pm Performance rehearsal of music with 'Orchestra of St. John's Smith Square' community music project (Venue: The BARN)

2.30 pm Presentation/discussion at Blackbird Leys Youth Centre: 'Can "organised religion" help with real problems' - with young people from Blackbird Leys, and youth workers, plus community theologian Ken Leech

4 pm Comedy sketch presented by workers from Blackbird Leys Advice Centre (Venue: BARN), followed by discussion of issues raised - involving BLAC workers and invited speakers: MPs Andrew Smith and Evan Harris, Prof. Halsey, and Mike Noble. Discussion chaired by the Revd. Vinay Samuel.

5.45 pm Gospel singing at Holy Family Church.

6 pm Start of ecumenical service, involving a wide spectrum of churches.

7 pm Buffet supper (donations invited)

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY for Oct - Dec

As well as the regular 10 am Sunday service, which is a Family Communion, many events are publicised in the Church Magazine:

Sun 10th Oct - 'Pilgrimage against Poverty' event.

Sun 31st Oct - A special service for those who want to renew their membership of the Church and think again about their involvement - all are most welcome.

Sun 14th Nov - Remembrance Service and prayers for peace across the world.

Advent Sun 28th Nov - Service of Adult Baptism.

Sat 11th Dec - a concert by Oxford Community Choir (based at Ruskin College - enquiries 763834).

Sun 19th Dec - Carol Service.

Whatever your beliefs, or views of organised religion, we welcome the chance to meet and discuss with others the "deeper things of life".

The vicar, the Revd. James Ramsay can be contacted on 778728. The Church Community Worker, Jim Hewitt, is on 773098.

HELP US TO HELP A CHILD TO READ

VOLUNTEER READING HELP is urgently seeking more volunteers, aged 18 - 75, in the Oxford area to join its new Training Course starting in September. We are a charity which recruits and trains volunteers to work in local schools with children aged 6-11 who need a little extra help with their reading.

All of us who enjoy books and reading take it for granted,but stop and think for a moment what it must be like to find the simplest words and sentences so difficult that you feel like giving up.

CAN YOU SPARE TWO HOURS TWICE A WEEK?

VOLUNTEER READING HELPERS visit school twice a week to work on a one to one basis with 3 children who need this extra support.

All that is needed is a love of books, an interest in children and patience, kindness and enthusiasm. They aim to make reading FUN by reading , talking, sharing and playing games with each child.

It is amazing the difference this work can make to a child's confidence and abilities.

No formal qualifications are needed, full training will be given and travel expenses will be reimbursed.

If you think you can help - or would like more information please contact:

Mrs Elizabeth Ballard
Volunteer Reading Help
New Marston First School
Copse Lane
Oxford 0X3 OAY
Tel & Fax: 01865 744284

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Oxford Community Mediation

Drop in Dispute Surgery

at Holy Family Church Centre, Cuddesdon Way. All welcome.

First Tuesday of every month

12.30 - 2.30 pm

(5th Oct., 2nd Nov., 7th Dec.)

It's FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

For more info

call Rowen on 742439.

REMINDER: Rowen is at Holy Family Church Centre Office every Wednesday afternoon for anybody wanting to find out more or to have an informal talk about how mediation may help.

There has been a lot going on at **Oxford Community Mediation** over the last couple of months. We are continuing to help more and more people to sort out their disputes and there are now more ways to contact us. As well as actually being on the Leys a lot of the time and being available by phone/fax, etc, we are now on the Internet. We are just completing our own website and our e-mail address is:

oxfordcommunitymediation@oxfordcommunitymediation.freeserve.co.uk

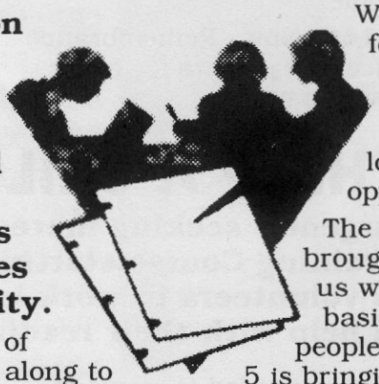
We are also about to have our leaflets translated into a variety of different languages. We are planning for our service to be accredited. In the near future, our latest Annual Report will be published and our AGM takes place in November.

Even more exciting is the increase in the number of people using us.

Along with a significant rise generally, one of the areas with the most noticeable increase is BLACKBIRD LEYS. This is a real credit to the community. We all experience disputes and arguments at some stage, but to actually do something positive about getting it sorted takes guts and bravery. This is obviously something the people of Blackbird Leys have lots of. If you're involved in a dispute, why not come along to our monthly surgery (details in advert) or give us a ring on 742439 to find out more.

Leys Residents Association

The Leys Residents Association has been going now for nearly 4 years. Our aims are to represent the residents of the new part of the estate and to bring your concerns to the notice of the local landlords as well as promoting opportunities that will benefit this community.



Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month when residents can come along to the Clockhouse at 6.30 p.m. and have a chance to say what is happening in your neck of the woods and become involved with decisions that affect us all.

The residents of this community run the Leys Residents Association so we have a vested interest in seeing that the best is done for our people, not to mention for ourselves as well. We talk to as many people as we can but it always helps when residents come along and lend strength to what we are saying. Yes we are raising the issues you want to be discussed issues such as anti-social behaviour and a lack of road markings.

We are working steadily towards solutions for these and other problems for instance, thanks to our traffic committee the buses are now coming onto the new part of the estate. This association is always on the lookout for ways of supporting opportunities that will help this community.

The Single Regeneration Budget round 2 has brought community businesses to us. Some of us work for these businesses on a voluntary basis and the businesses in turn employ local people. The Single Regeneration Budget round 5 is bringing more money into the area, money which it is hoped will fund more local projects. The Leys Residents Association is involved with this project as a whole and as a side issue is looking for funding to provide employment with this Association.

We are not looking for overnight solutions that no one has taken the time to think through properly, but lasting solutions that take into account things such as our safety and well being. The way forward is to tackle our problems together so next time you are free on the 2nd Tuesday of the month why not pay us a visit, or drop in to our office in the Clockhouse on a Wednesday afternoon 2-3 p.m.

Map drawn by Steve from Pedlars

local talent

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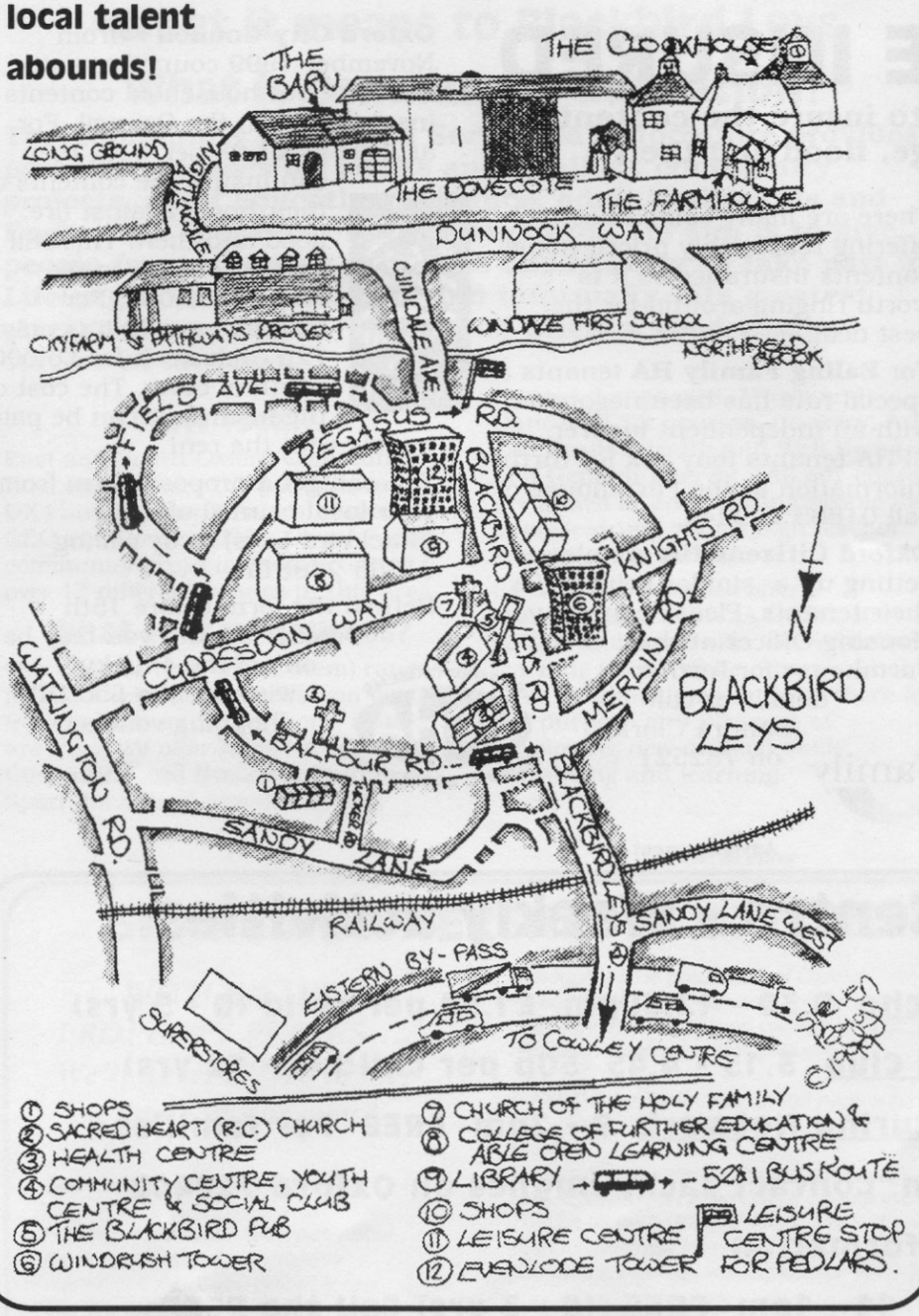

Blackbird Bonanza Winners since May 1999

Date	Ticket	Amount	Winner from
21/5	705	£629	Pegasus Road
28/5	759	£647	Overmead Green
4/6	1431	£648	Plover Drive
11/6	566	£653	Long Ground
18/6	884	£681	Moorbank
25/6	1302	£680	Nettlebed Mead
2/7	1855	£676	Kingfisher Green
9/7	1844	£682	Coriander Way
16/7	639	£692	Knights Road
23/7	515	£689	Littlebury
30/7	220	£684	Sandy Lane
6/8	936	£692	Juniper Drive
13/8	1201	£696	Furlong Close
20/8	1424	£706	Cholswell Springs
27/8	1236	£709	Bullrush Road
3/9	1367	£698	Plover Drive

Total prizes £35,000 and rising.

Call 453934 for membership details

leys fair

11 to 3 **saturday 2 october**

Timetable of events

11 **Opening** by Val Smith, the Lord Mayor.

11 - 12 Freddie the Fox

11.30 -12.30 Stripey Joe **Juggling**

12.45 - 1pm **Karate** display in the Barn

12 - 2 Appearance by Kevin Francis from **Oxford United**

12 - 12.30, 1 - 1.30 & 2 - 2.30 Sizzling Sidney the **Dragon**

1.30 - 2 Spotlight - Stomp display in the Barn

2 - 3 Sugar Creek - live **Rockabilly** outside the Barn

ALL DAY

Job and Training Fair in the Clockhouse

Under 8's activities in the Dovecote

The Singing Minstrel - every half hour

Pedlars Cafe and community displays in the Barn

Police display and community groups in marquee outside the Dovecote

Bouncy castle by the Clockhouse

Hot air balloon (subject to weather) at Windale School

Playbus outside Windale School

Fairground rides all day on the Green (up to 5)

Programme subject to

INSURANCE - are your possessions insured?

BE SAFE - BE INSURED

In these times it is advisable to insure the contents of your home against fire, damage, flood and theft.

Many households on a limited / low income feel that they cannot afford to take out insurance but when something happens to their possessions - a fire or burglary - it then makes the cost of the policy seem like good value.

Tenants should insure their household contents including furniture, possessions and internal decorations.

Tenants possessions are NOT covered by the Council's or Housing Associations insurance and they will NOT be able to compensate tenants if their possessions are stolen, lost or damaged (except in cases of proved negligence).

There are many companies offering reasonably priced home contents insurance so it is worth ringing around for the best deal.

For **Ealing Family HA** tenants a special rate has been negotiated with an independent insurer. EFHA tenants may ask for further information at the Farmhouse or call 01865 712244.

Oxford Citizens HA are also setting up a similar scheme for their tenants. Please contact your Housing Officer at the Farmhouse for further details or call Sandra Clark on 782521

Ealing Family

OXFORD CITIZENS OCHA HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Oxford City Council - from November 1999 council tenants can take out household contents insurance with the Council. For as little as £1.08 per week they can insure the contents of their home against fire, flood and theft. This will cover goods up to the value of £9,000. For tenants over 60 it is only 72p each week for £6,000 worth of cover. The cost of the insurance can be paid weekly with the rent.

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You can get a proposal form from your local council office (Blackbird Leys) or by calling 01865 249811.

Return the form before 15th October 99 and you may be one of the 4 lucky winners of a £50 DIY shopping voucher!

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Dovecote Centre - Weekly activities

Mondays Drop in Creche 9.30 - 12.30pm £1.50 per child (0 - 5 yrs)

Afterschool Club 3.15 - 4.45 50p per child (5 - 12 yrs)

Tuesdays Family Nurturing Network 9 - 2pm FREE For families and children. Contact Jacky Hughes on Oxford 722442 for more information.

Wednesdays PEEP Group 11 - 1pm FREE (0 - 3 yrs) Call the PEEP Centre on 395145 for more information.

New Ol' Leys Lunch Club 11 - 2.30pm FREE All Welcome.

Afterschool Club 3.15 - 4.45 50p per child (5 - 12 yrs)

Thursdays Carer & Toddler Group 9.30 - 11am 50p. Tea & biscuits provided. All parents and carers welcome.

PEEP Group 12.45 - 2.45 FREE (0 - 3 yrs)

Afterschool Club 3.15 - 4.45 50p per child (5 - 12 yrs)

Fridays PEEP Group 9 - 1pm FREE (0 - 3 yrs)

EAST AND SOUTH OXFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

What it means to Blackbird Leys

What is Community Education?

The Community Education Service in Oxfordshire provides part time courses for adults and families, community projects, adult education guidance, adult basic skills and English for speakers of other languages. Its aim is to give people from all walks of life the opportunity to take part in Lifelong Learning, formally and informally. Its greatest strengths are that it is local and offers a good quality service at low cost.

How local?

East and South Oxford Community Education covers the postal area of OX4 and has two Centres. Littlemore CEC and Cowley CEC. Courses and community projects operate out of over 17 different venues in this area.

What sort of courses?

Our courses (over 70 of them) range from 5 weeks to 36 weeks and cost from as little as £2 per hour, some are free. We offer subjects in Computing and Business Studies, Sport (including Swimming) and Fitness, Languages, Music and Dance, GCSE courses, Cookery, Arts and Crafts, Health and Well Being and General Interest. All our courses are aimed at encouraging people to enjoy learning with a high level of support from tutors.

Some of our courses offer qualifications such as GCSE, RSA (OCR), and some offer accreditation of learning (OCN) while others do not offer qualifications and are there for the purpose and pleasure of developing new and old skills, socialising and learning.

Community Projects are aimed at providing specific opportunities to groups of people identified as needing particular support to encourage participation and learning.

How to find out more

Our 1999/2000 brochure of Courses and Activities has been delivered through your door by the Royal Mail and our friendly office

staff are always ready to help and listen. Ring them on 712094 (2 lines and 24 hours answerphone).

Our aim is to encourage people to take part in developing their skills and learn new ones, whether you had a bad experience at school, are changing direction, need a change, need a personal challenge or want to meet new people.

East and South Oxford Community Education (EASOCEC) can help.

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SHARED OWNERSHIP IN OXFORD WITH NORTHCOTE

WITH RISING PROPERTY PRICES.... We'll never afford to buy a home of our own?

Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Reading newspaper headlines about the current state of the property market in Oxford, you probably feel you'll never get the chance to get on the property ladder.

Don't despair, there is a way - through Shared Ownership.

Since the early nineties Northcote Housing Association has developed a total of 289 shared ownership properties on Greater Leys.

Our most recent development was at Oxford Village, where 169 new homes - a mixture of 2 and 3 bedroom houses, and 1 bedroom flats and houses - were built.

Although all the properties at Oxford Village have now been sold, we do get asked by existing shared owners to help find them buyers for their properties.

When this happens we contact people on our waiting list.

If you are interested in finding out if you are eligible to join Northcote's waiting list contact us on 0181 840 0423. We will then forward you information about buying through shared ownership.

DON'T DELAY - CONTACT US TODAY...

...for a step in the right direction to a home of your own!

A typical 3 bedroom house at Oxford Village

What is Shared Ownership?

Shared Ownership is designed to make it easier for you to buy your first home. You buy a share in a property and pay a subsidised rent to the housing association for the part you don't own.

Shared Ownership gives you all the security of being a home owner, but at a lower cost.

How much will it cost?

For example, approximate monthly outgoings (mortgage, rent and service charge) for a property sold on a 30% share would be as follows:

*Two Bedroom House from £66,000**
£306 per month

**The above figures are based on buying a 30% share for £19,800 at a mortgage rate of 6.45% inc. MIRAS on the first £30,000 until April 2000. Rent at 4.3% and insurance. Rent and prices for individual properties subject to confirmation at the time of marketing.*

Interest is invited from applicants applicants who live or work in or near Oxford or have some other connection with the City. Priority will be given to Council or Housing Association tenants living in the area and applicants nominated by Oxford City Council or who are registered on the council's Housing Register. Properties will be allocated in accordance with the association's allocations policy and will be subject to confirmation by Oxford City Council.

NORTHCOTE
Housing association

Shared Ownership - Let it work for you!

Northcote Housing Association Ltd, St James' House, 105 -113 Broadway, West Ealing, London, W13 9BE

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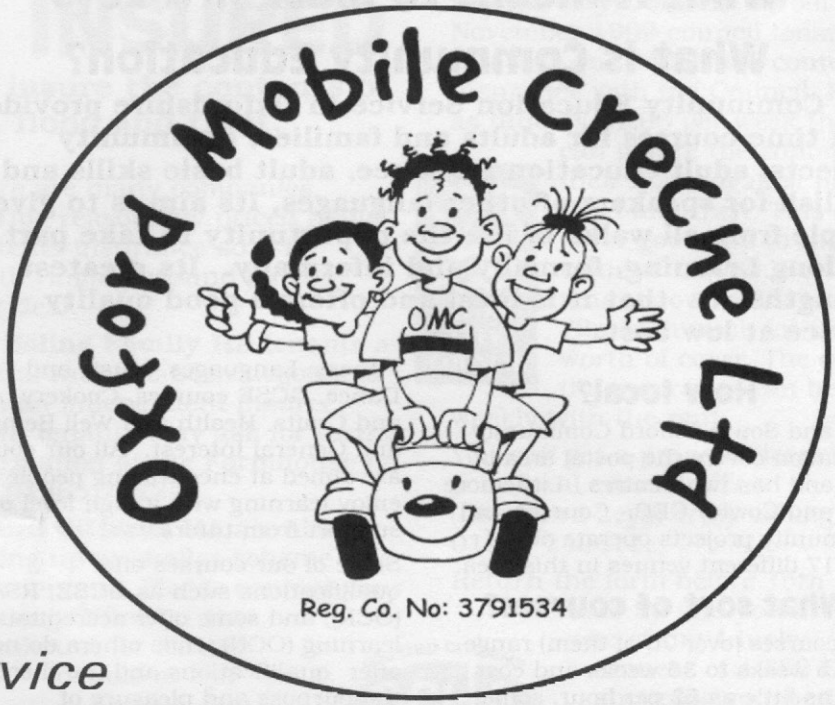

Call 079 094 7028 for more information

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every Monday in term time 9.30 - 12.30

Oxford Mobile Creche Ltd

Under 8's & FAMILIES PROJECT

The Dovecote Drop-In Creche

£1.50 per child

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all children welcome
no booking necessary
first come first served

contact Teresa on 079 094 7028 for more information

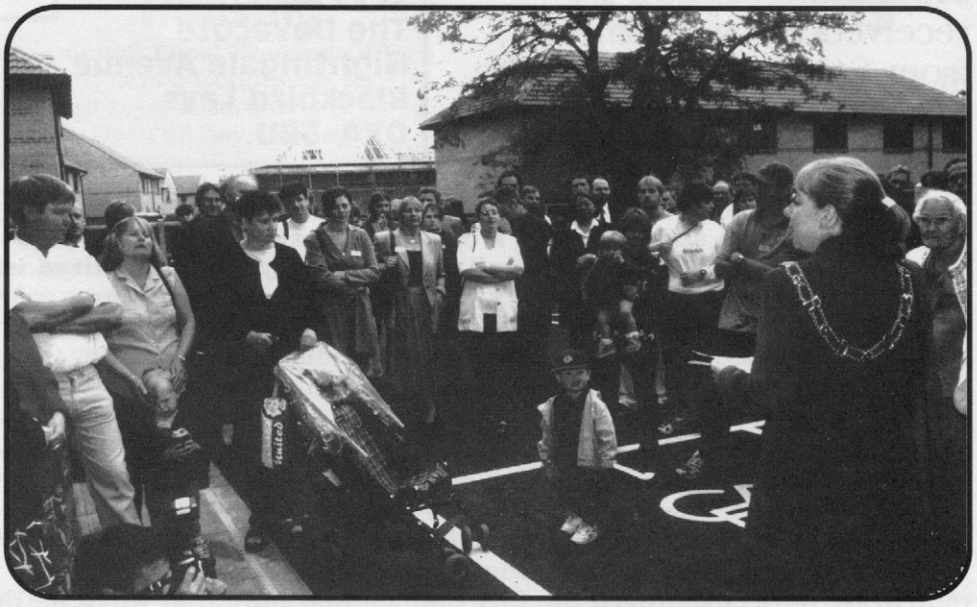
Blackbird Leys Redevelopment Initiative

Project progress Pegasus Court Redevelopment Update

Many readers will have seen the redevelopment of Pegasus Court nearing completion. 30 properties are now occupied and the rest have now been allocated. The first block of flats to be occupied were officially opened by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Val Smith, on 16th July. The block is called Olive Whistler Court to commemorate the voluntary work of local resident, the late Olive Whistler.

Ealing Family Housing Association, who own the properties, are working with tenants and future tenants to enable them to take on some of the housing management tasks, such as organising caretaking, repairs, cleaning, gardening and rent collection.

A training programme is underway for tenants to gain skills to take on these responsibilities. This will be the first Tenant Management Organisation in Oxford.



The Lord Mayor Val Smith at the opening of Olive Whistler Court

Community Enterprise Update

We are now in the final year of this project and have begun to work on a report for the future strategy of the project. Local people who have been involved in the community businesses are being asked for their opinions and if they would like to be involved in this process.

The second group of students on the Introduction to Community Business Management Training course have now finished and hopefully all should gain accreditation from the Open College Network. Congratulations to all for their hard work and dedication.

We are planning to run this course again for the last time as a free course funded by the SRB beginning in November. The course is now available at levels 1-3 and you can work at your own pace. Look out for posters across the estate in the next few weeks.

To find out more please contact Joanne Willett at OCDA on 396043 or email: joanne@ocda.demon.co.uk

This scheme and projects are supported by the Government's Single Regeneration Budget (SRB).

Report compiled by
Julia Tomkins,
Oxford City Council

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Blackbird Leys Pre-School Partnership

There are four Pre-schools in your area who have vacancies for 3 - 5 year olds. Please call these numbers to make enquiries.

Following on from last issue's feature on the **stadium** situation we received this statement from Steve Goddard of the **Liberal Democrat** Group on Oxford City Council.

Letters

Leys News Ltd
The Dovecote
Nightingale Avenue
Blackbird Leys
OX4 5BU.

Oxford Liberal Democrats believe that a local football club like Oxford United can create and maintain a community spirit which organisations like the City Council can only envy. Oxford United is an important part of our community, supported by old and young, employed and unemployed, male and female: its potential for unifying the city of Oxford across race, class and gender boundaries is unparalleled.

We welcome the apparent recent progress, and hope that this difficult period in United's history may be reaching a conclusion. Of course there are questions to be asked about the deal we are faced with for the Minchery Farm stadium; and of course Firoz Kassam wants to make a lot of money - he is after all an entrepreneur taking risks, and at the end of the day there is no cast-iron guarantee that he will make an adequate return. We have encouraged the City Council to ensure that whatever deal in the end applies, the City is able to have adequate representation in any company set up; we must be able to monitor the company's progress.

We have pressed the City Council to consult with Oxford's people - especially those most affected by the stadium - to make sure there is support for the Council's involvement. And we have kept an open mind about the leisure complex which is part and parcel of the deal; there may well be advantages in Oxford people not having to travel to High Wycombe or further afield to visit their nearest multiplex cinema.

The City Council clearly has an ongoing duty to scrutinise progress with the stadium; but the deal before us seems currently to be the only one available. If we want to see Oxford United survive and, let us hope, thrive, we have to support the current course of action. We in the Liberal Democrat group on the City Council all wish it well.

Steve Goddard, Liberal Democrat group Oxford City Council

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More Neighbours from Heaven

In response to the Neighbours from Heaven piece in the last issue we received this through our letter box recently.

Dear Leys News,

When I was able to walk and go shopping at large stores I noticed that when I gave my address as Blackbird Leys there was a definite change in tone. In fact one shop assistant actually said "I would not have thought Madam lived there".

Time passed leaving my husband and I housebound. The kindness of people nearby has to be enjoyed to be believed. Our next door neighbour spends an hour every morning chatting to my husband. He also advises and helps if anything goes wrong in the house. He waters the garden, goes shopping and shares any extras such as "Two for the price of one".

Most of the tenants in our flats are elderly but there is always someone calling with a newspaper or a magazine. Last Christmas we were not forgotten for several tenants brought us carrier bags of Christmas goodies.

We are very happy and would not want to live elsewhere. A big THANKYOU to the kind people of Blackbird Leys.

Kath Munro
of Balfour Road.

Anyone else out there with a story or tale to tell about their neighbours from heaven? Anonymity will be respected if requested.

Useful Numbers

General

Abandoned vehicles. These are a danger to our children. Telephone Environmental Health 252818.

Street lighting. Faulty lights please telephone freephone 0800 317802 and report the number on the lamp.

Dog nuisance. Telephone 252914 and tell the dog warden about the animals. Out of hours 240924.

Pollution. Have you seen pollution in our streams and rivers? Call the Environment Agency on (0800) 807060.

Junk mail. If you wish to limit the receipt of unsolicited mail, write to the mailing preference service, FREEPOST 22 London W1E (no stamp required). They will send you a form on which to request their member organisations not to send you unsolicited mail. IT IS FREE and IT WORKS.

Garden Refuse. The City Council will provide green waste sacks at 50p each, and collect up to two sacks per week. Tel. 725912 .

Pavement hazards and crumbling roads. Loose slabs, broken kerb stones, blocked road drains, gravel and silt after floods? Tel. 747390.

Noise. Call 252556.

Pest control. Call the Bug Busters at Environmental Health on 252384.

Bulk Rubbish Collection. Don't fall over it! Call 725912.

Oxford Community Mediation: For help in sorting disputes - neighbours, friends, family, work, groups, etc. Tel: 742439.

Blackbird Leys Parish Council: 712620

Cuddesdon Family Centre: 773263

Adventure Playground: 747704

Leisure Centre: 771565

Peers Sport Centre: 779348

Doctors Surgery: 778244

Advice Centre: 770206

Youth Centre: 772886

Dovecote Centre: 712299

Swimming Pool: 779843

B.B Leys Library: 770403

Health Visitors: 715689

Syringes/needles: 249811

Housing

City Council Local Housing Offices Blackbird Leys 3 Cuddesdon Way, Blackbird Leys, Oxford OX4 5JH. Tel: 718811. Open all day Monday to Thursday 9am until 5pm. Friday 9am until 4.30pm. Out of hours emergency service for Oxford City Council Tenants. Blackbird Leys Tenants Forum, 2nd Monday of each month at the Housing Office as above.

Cherwell Housing Trust : (Graham Byrne) 722711.

Ealing Family Housing Association (Elaine Partridge/Rhiannon Jones): 712244 or fax 712121.

Oxford Citizens Housing Association (Phil Hardy & Linda Watson). Blackbird Leys Office: 714509 or fax 717404. For repairs and Head Office: 773000.

Northcote Housing Association: Tel: Oxford 712244.

Leys Residents Association. Make sure your voice is heard. To positively contribute to improvements to the new part of Blackbird Leys Contact the association at: The Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys.

Police

Community Beat Officers: PC 4350 Steve Fredericks, PC 4491 Martin Biddell, PC Paul Saunders, PC 2424 Bill Pennington and WPC Debbie Woodward: Oxford 335136/8. This is an answerphone that may not get checked for 48 hours. Use this number for passing info to community beat officers or requests for them to contact you on a non-urgent basis.

Customer Services: This is answered in person 90% of the time. Use this number for reporting incidents that do not need police attendance, eg: theft of cycles, minor damage etc., with no witnesses. Call Oxford 266333.

Oxford Control Room: This number will be answered by the switchboard - please ask for Oxford Control Room. To report crime or an incident that DOES require police attendance. Call Oxford 266000.

Cowley Police Station: 749909.

Family Protection Unit: on 335200.

Crime Stoppers: Freephone 0800 555111. For confidential information for Community Police Officers.

Police Emergency: Just call 999. For threats to life or crime that is taking place as you see it, eg: an assault or burglary that is taking place.

Councillors Surgeries

11 - 12 EVERY SATURDAY IN THE BLACKBIRD LEYS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Oct 2nd	Tony Stockford
Oct 9th	Val Smith
Oct 16th	David Elwell
Oct 23rd	Tony Stockford
Oct 30th	Val Smith
Nov 6th	David Elwell
Nov 13th	Tony Stockford
Nov 20th	Tony Stockford

Where possible we do try and stick to the Councillors listed - but obviously this can change due to holidays, sickness, mayoral duties etc.

David Elwell, 57 Western Road, Oxford - tel: 724685.

Val Smith, 4 Flaxfield Road, Blackbird Leys, Oxford - tel: 772893.

Tony Stockford, 8 Pegasus Road, Blackbird Leys, Oxford - tel: 779795.

Andrew Smith MP Surgeries

1st October: 4 - 5.30pm Princes Street Advice Centre, 6 - 7pm Blackbird Leys Com. Centre.

15th October: 6 - 7pm Rose Hill Com. Centre.

5th November: 4 - 5pm Princes Street Advice Centre.

19th November 4 - 5.30pm Cowley Community Centre, 6 - 7.00pm Rose Hill Community Centre.

3rd December 4 - 5.30pm Princes Street Advice Centre, 6 - 7.00pm Blackbird Leys Community Centre.

Weekly Events

Monday

Drop in Creche 9.30 - 12.30 £1.50 per child Dovecote Term time only

After School Club 3.15 - 4.45 5-12 years 50p Dovecote

Aerobics 6.30-7.30pm The Barn £1.50

Tuesday

Cedars Club 9-4 The Clockhouse

Career guidance 9-1 CFE library

After School Club 3.15-4.45 50p The Dovecote

After School Club 3-5.15 50p Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

Karate 6-7pm The Barn

Self defence 8-9pm The Barn

AA drop in 7.45-9.45pm The Dovecote

Wednesdays

Cedars Club 9-4 The Clockhouse

New Ol'Leys lunch club 12-2 the Dovecote

Residents Association Drop In session 2 - 3pm at the Clockhouse.

After School Club 3.15 - 4.45 5-12 years 50p Dovecote

Gymnastics 4-6 Leisure Centre

Youth Club 7.30-9.30 at the Barn

GCSE support for black and mixed race young people Oxford School 3.30 - 6pm. Information from Dolcie African Caribbean Youth Worker on 772886

Thursday

Career guidance 9-1 CFE library

Body Blitz fitness 10-11 Leisure Centre

Carer and Toddler group 10-11.30 Dovecote Centre All welcome with toy library 50p

Lunch Club 12-2 the Clockhouse

After School Club 3.15-4.45 50p The Dovecote

After School Club 3-5.15 50p Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

Weight Watchers 6.45 ñ 8.15 The Barn

Friday

After School Club 3-5.15 50p Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground

Self Defence 6-9 (2 age groups) The Barn

Bingo 7-9.30 The Clockhouse

Saturday

Karate Club 10-11 5-12 years The Barn

Councillors Surgeries 11-12 Blackbird Leys Community Centre

Sunday

Redeemed Evangelical Church 10-1 the Barn

Elim Church 5.30-8.30pm The Barn

If you would like to see your event listed here please let us know.

The next issue of Leys News is the Christmas issue Copy deadline Fri 12th Nov

Forthcoming events

Sat 2nd Oct - Leys Fair 11-3 The Farmstead Buildings & the Green.

Sat 2nd Oct - Launch of Black History Month 12-4 Templars Square with Pastor Bruce - Free.

Mon 4th Oct - Open Meeting on the new park at Fry's Hill 8 - 9.30pm The Barn.

Tue 5th Oct - Annual General Meeting of the Credit Union 7.30pm Holy Family Church Centre.

Wed 6th Oct - Annual General Meeting of the Advice Centre 6pm at the Advice Centre.

Fri 8th Oct - Teddy Dan reggae at the Blackbird Pub 7-11

Sun 10th Oct - Pilgrimage against Poverty

Thu 14th Oct - Celebration of Black Women 7.30-9.30pm Blackbird Leys Youth Centre 50p.

Sat 16th Oct - Black History Talk 12-6pm Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre - Free.

Mon 18th Oct - Celebration of Black Sounds 7-10pm All young people welcome Blackbird Leys Youth Centre Free.

Sun 24th Oct - Going Back to our Roots12-6.30pm Blackbird Leys Youth Club. Sale of books, cards, food and drink, clothing, crafts and Black History quiz.

Wed 27th - Black Empowerment Evening 7 - 10.30pm Youth Centre - Free.

Sat 30th Oct - Computer Fair Leisure Centre.

Sun 14th Nov - CAIRO meeting on institutional racism (see ad inside)CFE BBL Campus 3 - 6pm.

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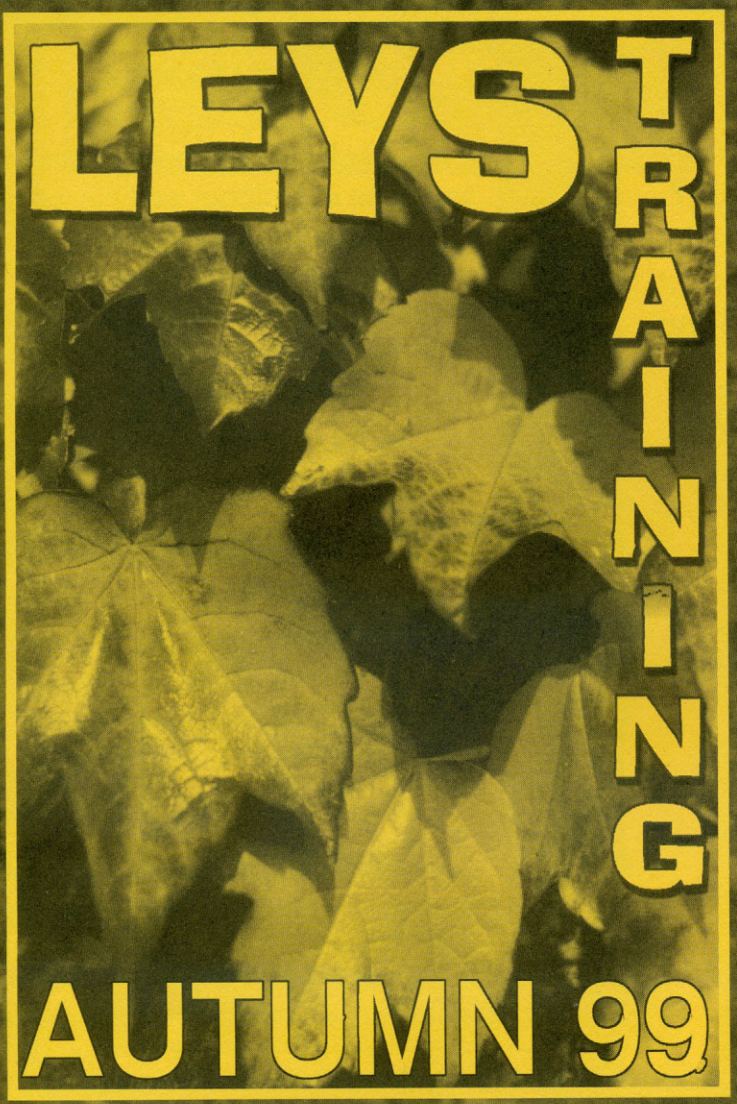

This latest issue of the **LEYS TRAINING** supplement to LEYS NEWS gives you the chance to get up to date with many of the latest local training and learning opportunities, many of which are free or low cost.

Included here are several computer training possibilities as well as film and video production courses and many community education and return to learn courses.

The CDI is interested in enabling local people to develop their skills and confidence, supporting them on the path to future employment.

Feel free to phone the CDI Under 8's and Families Project on 717701 and tell us if you've found this useful.....

The Under 8's & FAMILIES PROJECT

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Blackbird Leys Community CDI Development Initiative

ENGLISH CLASSES FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

WHERE? Cuddesdon Corner Family Centre Cuddesdon Way Blackbird Leys

WHEN? Friday mornings 10-12 beginning September 17th

WHO'S IT FOR? Women only

COST? Free with a free creche for your children

WANT TO KNOW MORE? Please call 749692

This class is funded by the Adult and Community Learning Fund in partnership with the Blackbird Leys Community Development Initiative

Blackbird Leys Community CDI Development Initiative

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FREE or low cost courses

(many with creche) starting soon in Oxford

WEA

* ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING FOR WOMEN
* CHOICES FOR CARERS
* LOOKING GOOD, FEELING GREAT
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Contact numbers of local training providers - to find out more please call them directly

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Able Open Learning Centre	778827
Blackbird Leys Advice Centre	770206
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Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground	747704
Bloomin Arts	
245735	
Citizens Advice Bureau St Aldates	247578
CDI Youth Project	396490
Chinese Community & Advice Centre	204188
Community Ed (English for speakers of other languages)	728688
Cowley Community Education	727148
Cowley Training Centre	776876
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre	243447
Dialability Help Line	791818
EDIT	396000
East & South Oxford Community Education	712094
Ethnic Minority Business Service	794431
Headington Area Community Education	768359
Littlemore Community Education	712094
Learning Link - Heart of England TEC	200466
New Start Adult Guidance	798081
OCDA	772822
Open University	328034
Oxford Benefits Agency	443333
Oxford Brookes University	741111
Oxford Careers Centre	790716
Oxford Unemployed Workers & Claimants Union	723750
Ox College of Further Ed (Open Learning)	250103
Oxford College of Further Education	245871/748880
Oxford Film & Video Makers	741682
Oxford Job Centre	445000
Ox County Council Student Grants Section	815433
Oxfordshire Play Association	880900
Oxford Womens Training Scheme	741317
The PARASOL Project	742816
PEEP	395145
PEEP Learning Bridge	749692
Plater College	741676
Pre School Learning Alliance	245154
Restore	790193
Ruskin College Learning Project	554331
Save the Children	792662
Thames Business Advice Centre	249279
TRAX	243077
Univ of Oxford Dept for Continuing Education	270312
WEA (general enquiries)	246270
WEA (local activities)	361841
Women's Institute (Denman College)	391991
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